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QUOTE:

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SUBJECT:NUNN AMENDMENT CONVERSION OF SUPPORT TO COMBAT  
FORCES

REFS: A. STATE 3477 (NOTAL); B. USNATO 7094 (NOTAL);  
C. BONN 1715 (NOTAL)

1. FOR BONN: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO APPROACH MFA AND MOD AT  
APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL, REFER TO DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN  
SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND MOD LEBER, AS WELL AS BETWEEN  
GENERAL DAVISON AND MOD LEBER, AND DELIVER COPY OF PROPOSED  
LETTER BELOW. INFORM MFA THAT WE PLAN TO PROVIDE  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 3 TO SYG LUNS. AFTER  
COORDINATION WITH FRG, INFORM USNATO AND ALL ADDRESSEES  
THAT THE LETTER MAY BE DELIVERED.

2. FOR USNATO: UPON NOTIFICATION FROM BONN OF FRG AGREE-  
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MENT, REQUEST YOU DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO SYG LUNS.

QUOTE. START TEXT: DEAR JOSEPH, AS YOU RECALL FROM OUR

DISCUSSIONS AT THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF RESTRUCTURING OUR MANPOWER TO IMPROVE THE COMBAT CAPABILITY IN EUROPE AS PART OF THE NUNN AMENDMENT CONVERSION OF SUPPORT TO COMBAT FORCES. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE CONVERSION OF THE 18,00 SUPPORT TROOPS TO COMBAT FORCES WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1976.

AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR INITIAL PLANNING ON A MAJOR PORTION OF THE SUPPORT REDUCTION AND COMBAT INCREASES FOR FY 1975. THE SUPPORT REDUCTIONS WILL OCCUR IN HEADQUARTERS AND MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORTING UNITS. THE COMBAT FORCE INCREASES FOR THE ARMY INCLUDE INTRODUCING A MECHANIZED BRIGADE FROM THE 2ND ARMORED DIVISION AND AN INCREASE IN MANNING AND EQUIPMENT IN UNITS ALREADY DEPLOYED. LIKEWISE, WE WILL MAKE SLIGHT INCREASES IN MANNING IN THE SIXTH FLEET AND IN THE ATLANTIC FLEET.

THE MECHANIZED BRIGADE WHICH BEGINS DEPLOYMENT IN MARCH WILL BE LOCATED INITIALLY IN THREE MAJOR TRAINING AREAS IN SOUTHERN GERMANY UNTIL A PERMANENT LOCATION IS ARRANGED IN THE CENTAG AREA.

FOR FY 1976, WE ARE EXAMINING A NUMBER OF SUPPORT REDUCTIONS AND COMBAT INCREASES SUCH AS DEPLOYING A SECOND BRIGADE, TWO ARTILLERY BATTALIONS AND AN ATTACK HELICOPTER COMPANY TO GERMANY AND POSSIBLY MAJOR AIR FORCE UNITS, IF STATIONING CAN BE ARRANGED. WE EXPECT TO COMPLETE OUR INITIAL PLANNING ON THE FY 1976 PORTION OF THE WORK WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, AT WHICH TIME I PROPOSE, IF AGREEABLE TO YOU, TO SEND US OFFICIALS TO BRIEF THE APPROPRIATE NATO ORGANIZATIONS. FOLLOWING THE BRIEFINGS, I WOULD HOPE TO RECEIVE THE CONSIDERED VIEWS OF SACEUR, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE DPC ON OUR PROPOSALS.

SINCERELY YOURS, J. R. SCHLESINGER. END QUOTE. END TEXT.

3. FYI. IN DISCUSSING THIS LETTER WITH SYG LUNS, YOU SHOULD INFORM HIM THAT WE HOPE TO LOCATE THE FY 1975 BRIGADE (THE 3D BRIGADE, 2ND ARMORED DIVISION) IN

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WIESBADEN. HOWEVER, CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FRG ON THIS STATIONING HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED. THUS THIS DISCUSSION SHOULD BE CONFINED TO SYG FOR NOW. ESSENTIALLY, THE SAME SCENARIO AND GENERAL TIMING WILL APPLY TO THE BRIGADE TO BE DEPLOYED IN FY 1976. WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING THE MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF WHETHER TO DEPLOY A SECOND (FY 1976) BRIGADE TO THE CENTAG OR TO THE NORTHAG AREA. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO DEPLOY A GERMAN BRIGADE TO THE NORTHAG AREA AND ASSIGN THE US BRIGADE TO THE CENTAG AREA. AFTER DISCUSSIONS

WITH THE FRG, MISSION WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH SYG TO  
ARRANGE BRIEFINGS AND ASK FOR NATO'S MILITARY AND POLITICAL  
VIEWS ON THIS MATTER BEFORE OUR FINAL DECISION.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ALL ADDRESSEES WHEN LETTER HAS BEEN  
DELIVERED TO SYG LUNS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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